



**GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT  
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Bill McDaniel, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
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Dear Chairman McDaniel,

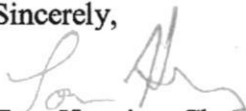
Please allow this correspondence to serve as a formal *Call to Action* on behalf of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District Board of Fire Commissioners in regards to public safety concerns relating to the discharging of firearms on residential properties in Collier County.

In 2011 State legislative action prohibited local governing regulations for shooting ranges on residential property greater than one acre. Since then the density of residential dwellings in the urban areas of Collier County has significantly increased. Generally, the average lot size in the Golden Gate Estates area is 1.25 acres (band aid lot) with the typical dimensions of approximately 660 x 100 feet. A bullet for example, from a 9 mm handgun can travel as far as 7,200 feet and a bullet from a 30-06 rifle can travel as far as 17,000 feet. This produces a number of public safety hazards and dangerous conditions for homeowners in the general vicinity of a backyard shooting range including gun-shot wounds and wildland urban interface wildfires.

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District crews have unfortunately had to respond to incidents of residents being struck by a bullet fired from a neighboring property, including two emergencies just last month in the Golden Gate Estates. The District is respectfully requesting your careful consideration in addressing the lack of regulations to protect Collier County residents from a stray bullet.

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District remains committed to protecting life and property and will offer any assistance needed to consider possible solutions to this public safety concern. On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, please consider our request to take legislative action to eliminate the chances of the next incident resulting in the fatality of a Collier County resident.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Henning, Chairman

CC: Board of Fire Commissioners

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